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REMARKS

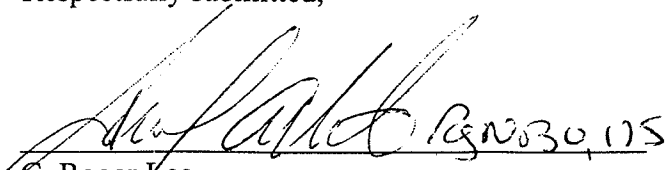
The above amendments are being made to improve the clarity of some of the dependent claims. None of the amendments is required for patentability reasons. Amended claims 7, 30, 35, 40, 42, and 46 met all of the requirements of patentability (e.g., 35 U.S.C. 102, 103, 112) prior to this amendment.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes being made by the current amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be examined. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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**Version with markings to show changes made**

**In the claims:**

Claims 50 and 56 have been cancelled.

Claims 7, 30, 35, 40, 42, and 46 have been amended as follows:

7. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein each recurring record and each non-recurring record includes a key field, and wherein the step of processing a plurality of non-recurring records in the second database further comprises:

performing a second comparison of the key fields of the recurring and non-recurring records; and

selecting a group of records from among the recurring and non-recurring records based on the outcome of the **second** comparison.

30. (Amended) The computer program of claim 24 wherein each recurring record and each non-recurring record includes a key field, and wherein the instruction for processing a plurality of non-recurring records in the second database further comprises instructions for:

performing a second comparison of the key fields of the recurring and non-recurring records; and

selecting a group of records from among the recurring and non-recurring records based on the outcome of the **second** comparison.

35. (Amended) The computer program of claim 34 [wherein] **further comprising**, following the instruction for completing synchronization, **instructions for fanning** one of the synthetic recurring record and recurring record [is fanned back] into a plurality of fanned non-recurring records.

40. (Amended) The computer program of claim 37 [wherein] **further comprising**, following the instruction for completing synchronization, **instructions for fanning** one of the synthetic recurring record and recurring record [is fanned] into a plurality of fanned non-

recurring records excluding the instances in the list of excluded date bearing instances of a corresponding one of the synthetic recurring record and recurring record.

42. (Amended) The computer program of claim 41 wherein the second database assigns a unique ID to each record, and wherein the computer program **further** comprises **instructions for**

fanning one of the synthetic recurring record and the recurring record into a plurality of fanned non-recurring records;

storing records in the history file representative of the plurality of fanned non-recurring records;

storing in the history file the unique IDs assigned by the second database to the plurality of fanned non-recurring records; and

recording linkages among the records representative of the plurality of non-recurring records and the record representative of one of the recurring record and synthetic recurring record.

46. (Amended) The computer program of claim 41 further **[comprises] comprising instructions for** performing a second comparison of one of the synthetic recurring record and the recurring record to the history file record representative of the recurring record or the synthetic recurring record in the past synchronization, and completing synchronization based on the outcome of the second comparison.